



## News from the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

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### *From the President*

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the honor to serve as the President of the “big Friends” for the 2017–2019 term. I know that **Kim Cauthon** (VP), **Linda Cheatum** (Treasurer), **Beth Graham** (Secretary) and **Karen Matson** (Immediate Past President) are equally enthusiastic about their new responsibilities—as are our recently elected and re-elected FOSAPL directors. Feel free to contact any of us with your suggestions, questions, recommendations, and volunteer help to improve the Friends’ organization.

We’ll need every Friend’s participation this year, as we have much to do:

- ✓ April is going to be non-stop fun, beginning with the SA Book Festival on April 8. We’ll need to support both the Library Foundation’s volunteer corps and the Book-Cellar’s need for more sales help on that day.
- ✓ The Texas Library Association state conference will be in San Antonio from April 19–22. Volunteers who work four hours during the conference will receive free exhibit passes, and there will be programs where you can learn about Friends’ programs in other Texas cities.
- ✓ Also during the spring, you’ll want to advocate for the passage of the City of San Antonio Bond election, which will be held on May 6. We’ll be sure you have “talking points” that summarize the benefits of passage of the bonds for the library—and all at no increase in City taxes!
- ✓ Speaking of money, as we transition to using a professional bookkeeping firm to augment our Treasurer’s work, we will be changing some processes and reports. Officers of Friends groups will attend an Executive Finance Class to learn about these new requirements.

Also in 2017, we’ll want to:

- ✓ Encourage Friends’ groups to support new Potranco and Schaefer branch libraries.
- ✓ Think creatively about our membership recruitment, and possibly offer more incentives for membership (as public radio and public television do).
- ✓ Review the content of our SAPLings newsletter and develop a mobile-phone-friendly version of our website.

Enjoy Fiesta!—but renew your membership in the Friends, first!

*Nancy Gandara*



### **You’ve Got Questions—Come to a Cla\$\$ for the Answers**

The forms to report revenue deposited and to request reimbursement or payments have changed! ALL officers and book sale coordinators of Friends groups will attend one of the 2-hr sessions that will be held at Central Library, Brook Hollow, Carver, Pan American and Great Northwest Branch libraries. If you cannot attend the class at the location “closest” to you, schedule yourself to attend one of the others.

Sat.	3/11	10:30-12:30	Brook Hollow
Fri.	3/17	1:30- 3:30	Great Northwest
Sat.	3/18	10:30-12:30	Central
Sat.	3/18	2:00-4:00	Pan American
Sat.	3/25	10:00-12:00	Carver

### **If It’s Texas (Library Association Conference), It’s a Big Deal!**

Thousands of Texan librarians and vendors will converge on the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center April 19–22, and they need our help: go to [www.txla.org/volunteer-conference](http://www.txla.org/volunteer-conference) to sign up for more than 15 choices from “managing access to authors” to working in the TLA Store, or checking in other volunteers. Volunteer at least 4 hours and you will receive an Exhibits Only pass (but parking is not validated).

### **FOSAPL Board Meetings**

**Sundays at 2 p.m., all Friends welcome**

3/19/17	Cortez Branch
5/21/17	Landa Branch
7/16/17	Bazan Branch
9/17/17	Great Northwest Branch
11/19/17	Schaefer Branch

# Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Board Meeting

Sunday, January 22, 2017

Submitted by **Nancy Gandara**, Secretary

The Board of the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library met on Sunday, Jan. 22, 2017, at the Central Library. President **Karen Matson** called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m. Secretary **Nancy Gandara** called the roll and declared that a quorum was present.

Board members present were: **Karen Matson, Robert Mason, Beverly Duran, Nancy Gandara, Liz Alves, Arline Braswell, Kimberly Cauthon, Linda Cheatum, Shirley Coleman, Jose Duran, Bruce Gill, Beth Graham, Beverly Harris, Pat Konstam, Mary McAfee, Pat Mendiola, Pat Peak, Veronica Rouse, Rowena Rodgers, Stephanie Serrata, Christie Smith, Ann Springer, Sandra Wilkinson, and Jill Zimmerman.** Other Friends members in attendance included: **Jesse T. Valdez** (Pan American); **Yolanda Kirkpatrick, Frank & Linda Faulkner** (Texana); **Delores Huber** (Guerra); **Linda Arronge** (Las Palmas); **Pat Finley & James Drury** (Brook Hollow); **Pam & John Longoria**, (Collins Garden); **Roy Braswell** (Tobin); **Diane Duesterhoeft** (Memorial); **Faye Halford** (Semmes, TO, BH); and **Maria L. Acebedo.**

**Approval of Minutes:** It was moved and seconded to accept the Minutes of the meeting of Nov. 22, 2016, as printed in the January/February 2017 issue of *SAPLings*; the motion passed.

**President's Report:** **Karen Matson** reviewed the numerous events of 2016 that had been significant for San Antonio and ones that the Friends had celebrated or accomplished. These included an orientation for new board members, the

BookCellar's "Silver Cellar-bration," the workshop for branch group officers, and the re-activation of several branch Friends groups. Ms. Matson tied several of the events to three surprise drawings, and awarded gifts to three lucky attendees.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer **Bev Duran** presented the Treasurer's Report of December 31, 2016. During 2016, the Friends contributed a total of **\$144,655** to the San Antonio Public Library: \$55,960 was donated by FOSAPL, and branch groups donated \$88,695 to their respective library branches. It was moved and seconded that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, which passed. Ms. Duran also reviewed the 2017 budget which the board had approved at the Nov. 22 meeting: she noted that funds had been included to engage a bookkeeper, whose services were now necessary in order to maintain the 30 individual accounts for branch groups, FOSAPL and the BookCellar.

## FEATURED SPEAKER

**Kathy Donellan**, Assistant Library Director for Support Services, reviewed the many ways that the Library uses funds that are donated by the Friends. Through use of a video that used photos of library users as well as statistics (e.g., circulation, programs conducted, attendance, etc.), Ms. Donellen demonstrated how SAPL is "Changing Lives, Every Day" and emphasized that the funds donated by FOSAPL allow staff to attend a variety of conferences and classes for professional development that have an immediate benefit. She also showed a

video that had been made by staff to publicize and promote "San Antonio's hidden gem," the BookCellar.

## LIAISON REPORTS

**Jean Brady**, representing the Library Board of Trustees, introduced fellow Trustees in attendance, **Lora Eckler** and **Margarita DeLeón**. Ms. Brady thanked the Friends for their support during the recent Bond Projects Committee meetings and reviewed the Library items that have been included in the proposed Bond Election that was recently approved by the City Council. She pointed out that the emphasis will be on renovating and upgrading existing library facilities (rather than new construction), and she urged the Friends to take an active part in promoting the passage of the bonds in May.

**Tracey Bennett**, President of the SAPL Foundation, noted several recent accomplishments and upcoming challenges for the Foundation: they awarded \$1 million to the Library in 2016, and they have been doing fundraising for the Schaefer Branch, which will open in the Spring. They have committed to raising matching funds for the renovation and improvement of the Texana/Genealogy Dept. if \$700,000 is made available through the Bond election. Ms. Bennett also reminded the Friends that the San Antonio Book Festival will be held on April 8 and urged them to volunteer and/or attend an event related to the SABF.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**BookCellar** — **Richard Morales** reported that more

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The Friends, inaugurated March 23, 1964, promote public use of the San Antonio Public Library and appreciation of its value as a cultural and educational asset to the community and encourage the extension and improvement of its services.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Nancy Gandara** .....President  
**Kim Cauthon**..... Vice President  
**Beth Graham** ..... Secretary  
**Linda Cheatum** ..... Treasurer  
**Karen Matson** ..... Immediate Past Pres

## MEMBERSHIP

**SECRETARY** .....Open

## BOARD MEMBERS

### 2016–2018 Term:

**Arline Braswell • Shirley Coleman**  
**Jose Duran • Antoinette Franklin**  
**Bruce Gill • Beverly Harris • Linda Janney • Mary McAfee • Rowena Rodgers • Veronica Rouse**  
**Sandra Wilkinson • Jill Zimmerman**

### 2017–2019 Term:

**Liz Alves • Linda Arronge**  
**Beverly Duran • Yolanda Kirkpatrick**  
**Pat Konstam • Robert Mason**  
**Pat Mendiola • Pat Peak**  
**Stephanie Serrata • Delia Trimble**

## SAPLINGS

Managing Editor..... **Alana Woods**

Newsletter is published every two months and can also be seen at [www.friendsofsapl.org](http://www.friendsofsapl.org).

Deadlines for submitting articles and photos are February 10, April 10, June 10, August 10, October 10, and December 10.

Submittals should be a simple text or a Word file emailed to **Alana Woods**, [alana005@yahoo.com](mailto:alana005@yahoo.com), or mailed to her at Southwest Research Institute, 6220 Culebra Rd., San Antonio, TX 78238.

Article contributions for the newsletter are always welcome!

## NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

**Lyn Belisle**.....Chair  
**Bruce Gill • Beth Graham • Stephanie Serrata • Alana Woods**  
**Nancy Gandara**.....Ex Officio

than \$900 was collected in the donation box during 2016. He also asked that those board members involved with a branch group ensure that the members of their group learn and adhere to the policy regarding donations of materials from the BookCellar (for sale at branches): the policy was detailed in *SAPLings* Jan/Feb 2017 issue.

**Membership Secretary** — **Linda Cheatum** noted that 67 new members have joined in 2017 but that 296 have not yet renewed their 2016 membership. A second request letter will be sent to those persons in early Feb. Currently, there are 1,025 members (2016 and 2017) in the database.

**Nominating Committee** — Chair **Bob Mason** thanked the members of the committee, and noted that the proposed slate of officers and board members for the 2017–2019 term had been printed in the Jan/Feb issue of *SAPLings*.

**Arts & Letters Awards** — **Jose Duran** noted that a sheet was available for volunteers for the 2017 Awards committee, and reiterated that the committee would consider any qualified person, without regard to ethnicity, for future awards.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Approval of the revised by-laws of the Friends of the Texana/Genealogy Collection** — The motion was made, seconded, and passed without discussion.

**Election of New Officers and Board Members for 2017-2019** — **Bob Mason** stated that the election of officers would be held first, and he read the names of those standing for election and then called for any additional nominations from the floor: there were no additional nominations, so he called for a motion to close the nominations, which passed. He asked for a motion to elect the slate of officers as pre-

sented, which was made and seconded, and passed unanimously. Elected were: President, **Nancy Gandara**; Vice-President, **Kim Cauthon**; Treasurer, **Linda Cheatum**; Secretary, **Beth Graham**. The Friends will change authorized signers on the bank accounts (ending in 8736, 8659, and 4644), removing **Linda Arronge** and **Beverly Duran** from all accounts and adding **Nancy Gandara** and **Linda Cheatum**.

**Mr. Mason** read the names of board members standing for election, and asked for additional nominations from the floor; there being none, he asked for a motion to close the nominations, which passed. A motion was made to accept the slate of proposed board members, and it passed unanimously.

President Gandara expressed her gratitude and enthusiastically noted several projects requiring Friends' participation during 2017, including: needing volunteers to assist the Texas Library Association Conference to be held in S.A. from April 19–22; advocating for the passage of the Bond Election on May 6; transitioning to use of a bookkeeper and training for each branch group treasurer; development of a more robust membership recruitment campaign; and development of a mobile-phone-friendly version of the Friends' website. She then awarded framed certificates of appreciation for their leadership and service to **Linda Cheatum**, **Beverly Duran**, **Bob Mason**, and **Karen Matson**, noting that they all would continue to be involved with the FOSAPL board.

## ADJOURNMENT

After expressing her appreciation for the refreshments that had been provided by the Friends of the Collins Garden Branch, President Gandara adjourned the



## Brook Hollow

The Brook Hollow Friends helped fund "Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day" (who knew there was such a day?!) in January, and provided balloons and refreshments for the Sweetheart Dance Party held in February.

Our next quarterly membership meeting will be held at the Brook Hollow Library on Saturday, March 18, at 1 p.m. We haven't begun planning for the Staff Appreciation Dinner and will need to discuss that topic. Please share your ideas and suggestions!

Membership Chair **Ronnie Retzloff** had a great idea to improve communication with our members—in February, she began a monthly email alert to advise Brook Hollow members of upcoming events at the Branch Library each month. The first one went out Feb. 2; look for her email sometime between the 1st and 5th of each month.

In recognition of the Brook Hollow Friends' 20th "birthday" in April 2017, **Pat Bjornson** suggested that we hold a "Birthday Party" at the Brook Hollow Branch Library. The Planning Committee has held several meetings and has scheduled the party for Saturday, April 8, from 1–3. There will be punch, "Happy Birthday" sugar cookies, and goodie bags. We'll also have an ongoing slide show (courtesy of **Beth Crabb** and her daughter **Bella**) as well as scrap-

books documenting our first 20 years. **Pat B.** is updating the Brook Hollow Friends' brochure and is creating a tri-fold poster with photos of items we've bought and children's programs we've helped fund. **Ronnie R.** has created book marks and book ownership labels to be placed in the take-home goodie bags and has designed flyers to be posted in the library. We'd like to extend a special invitation to all *SAPLings* readers (especially the Brook Hollow Friends!) to join us as we celebrate this milestone.

The Birthday Party Planning Committee will meet following the quarterly Friends' meeting on March 18. Feel free to stick around for the Party Planning meeting—we'd love to have your input!

*Pat Finley*

## Encino

On January 29, 2017, the Friends of the Encino Branch elected officers for 2017–2018: President, **Carla Pomager**; Vice President, **Liana Benavides**; Treasurer, **Edie Cooksey**; Secretary, **Bruce Gill**. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 9, 2017, 1 p.m. at the Encino Library. Join us with ideas about how to support the Encino Branch.

December was an active month at the Encino Branch. The Multicultural Winter Festival on December 10 featured winter traditions from 18 cultures, and more than 700 people visited the program. The Winterfest on December 16 focused on winter activities for young children with 32 families participating in crafts, activities, and photo opportunities.

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The new teen librarian, **Julia Pouliot**, has created a fun lineup of activities for the next few months. Teen Time will continue each Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

On February 15, **Jan Jarboe Russell** will visit Encino to discuss her book, *The Train to Crystal City*. The event will be broadcast to three additional branches.

Two new exciting programs will start in March: 1) Artful Fridays, held on the first Friday of each month, will feature art activities for school age children. 2) Flannel Fridays, held every Friday at 10 a.m., is an extended story time featuring flannel board stories.

*Carla Pomager*

## Forest Hills

Fifteen people attended a re-activation meeting of the Friends of the Forest Hills Library on January 28. The following officers were elected for 2017–2019: President: **Ruben Sanchez**; Vice-President: **Eileen Aulick**; Secretary: **Patricia Sanchez**; Treasurer: **Diane Duesterhoeft**. Although there are bylaws for the Friends of the Forest Hills Branch Library dated July 2, 2006, posted on the FOSAPL website, there is no record of approval of the bylaws by the FOSAPL Board. The group went through a bylaws template and adapted it for the Friends of the Forest Hills Branch Library. The group approved these bylaws. The FOSAPL Board will meet on March 19, 2017, and will vote on ratifying the Forest Hills bylaws. The Book Nook is now available at Forest Hills and is being restocked by our Friend, **Barbara Wilkinson**.

*Diane M. Duesterhoeft*

## Igo

2017 is just the beginning of a new year for the Igo Branch Library.

Our new Branch Manager **Tim Johnson** is very aggressive on everything that pertains to the Library and is using the Friends for their help and support; he's very good.

We elected our new officers in December 2016. Our officers are President, **Tom Hill**; Vice-President, **Al Rakus**; Secretary, **Barbara Rosenstrauch**; and Treasurer, **Lisa Rakus**.

Our first task was our February book sale that was a huge success! The Library had their 2nd annual Rodeo Roundup with the book sale that brought in extra patrons who also attended the sale. It was a near record of sales dollars for the two days.

The Elderberries will have a talk on March 2 at 2 p.m. about "Butterfly Gardening" by **Sylvie Rodgers** that will include a craft.

On April 6 at 2 p.m., the Elderberries will welcome **Patsy Light**, author of *Capturing Nature*, to speak about Concrete Art. Sounds interesting!

There are more things to come in the near future. Please consult the library's calendar for more information.

*Tom Hill*

## Las Palmas

We recently welcomed new interim Library Manager **Diane Backhus** and said good-bye to Assistant Manager **Samantha Gordano**, who is now the Assistant Manager at the new Schaefer Library.

All Friends are invited to Las Palmas to view the pop-up poster that provides information about Elmendorf Lake Park located in our "neighbor-hood"

at 3700 W. Commerce, adjacent to Our Lady of the Lake University. Friends member **Robert Ramirez**, Co-Chair of the San Antonio River Authority Westside Creeks Restoration Oversight Committee, coordinated the placement of SARA's educational display.

Several programs are currently under consideration for Spring Break in March. Our Friends group will provide programming support and snacks for the scheduled activities.

Port San Antonio representatives have again invited Friends from City Council Districts 4 and 5 branch libraries to be a part of their annual Fiesta event, "Fiesta de Los Niños," that will be held April 22. Participating branches and specific day-long activities are being finalized during planning meetings.

Together with other libraries, Las Palmas is included in the City of San Antonio's proposed 2017–22 Bond Program that will be voted on May 2017. It is listed under the Bond's Facilities Improvements category for a revised amount of \$1,700,000. Our challenge now is to encourage family, friends, neighbors, *et al* to vote "yes" during the upcoming elections.

*Delia Ramirez Trimble*

## Maverick

After a brief winter hiatus, the Maverick Friends are back and busy.

Our first order of business was to choose a date for our next super sale. We'll be ready for buyers on April 1 and 2. No fooling! Please note that we're changing our hours a bit. Saturday we'll be open from 10–4, as usual. Sunday hours will be

from noon to 4 p.m. We'll also sell chances to win a basketball autographed by Spurs star Patty Mills. Tickets are \$1 each.

Children's Librarian **Amy Roberts** is already scheduling some special programs for Summer Reading. Happy Tails Entertainment will bring critters native to the South American continent to the library in June. Word is an alpaca is coming! Spikey Mikey's magic will enchant and entertain children and their grownups in July. Watch for more news about additions to Summer Reading sponsored by the Friends.

At our February meeting, Branch Manager **Jef Martin** reported the long-awaited Express Collection display has been ordered and should be on its way soon. Our next purchase for the library will be two display cases for items of special interest. Jef plans to order those soon.

*Sue Ratliff*

## McCreless

At our Feb. 6 meeting, Manager **Morgan Hansen** invited us to look at the low-level mobile book cart that McCreless Friends funds provided. It is for board books for toddlers at crawl-up level. Our Feb. 11 sale celebrating Black history and Black authors garnered \$429.39 and \$91.14 in donations, including \$50 from **Bonnie Simons** in memory of her brother. The book sale, including set-up and box-up, was supervised by our Secretary **Lucy Duncan** and Vice President **Christel Villarreal**. After the sale, Lucy took 200–250 books to SAMministries. You may recognize Christel from the BookCellar where she is a

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volunteer every Wednesday. Our book nook took in \$21.50 in January. President **Jill Zimmerman** and members have scheduled our next meeting for May 22 and our next book sale for June 17 (Dads and Grads!). See you then.

*Paula Massengale*

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## Memorial

The Memorial Amigos met on Feb. 4. The following officers were elected for 2017–2019: President, **Angela Ehrenfried**; Vice-President, **Anna Cleve**; Secretary/Treasurer, **Diane Duesterhoeft**. The Amigos are planning for the Oyster Bake parking fundraiser on April 21–22.

The Amigos are planning a civic academy program about “The 2017 City of San Antonio Bond: What Does It Mean for You and Our Libraries?” on Thursday, April 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the Memorial Library Meeting Room. Chair of the San Antonio Public Library Board of Trustees **Paul Stahl** has been invited to make a presentation about the library portion of the City Bond.

*Diane M. Duesterhoeft*

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## Tobin Library at Oakwell

Tobin Library has books to donate to other libraries. You can contact me at 210-829-8358 (home), 210-279-3909 (my cell), or 210-393-4336 (my husband’s cell) or email [Rpsmutz@gmail.com](mailto:Rpsmutz@gmail.com).

*Suki Smutz*

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## Reactivated Branch Friends

### Welcome to Recently Reactivated Branch Friends’ Groups and their New Officers

Sometimes it is harder to recruit new members with new energy and new goals for an organization than it is to maintain a well-established group. We congratulate the Friends and SAPL staff who have been instrumental in the reactivation of these groups:

- **BAZAN** (Nov. 2016): **Irene Chavez**, Pres.; **Sylvia Zamarippa**, V.P.; **Josh Van Diest**, Secretary; **Rosie Hernandez**, Treasurer; **Jimmy Jimenez**, Branch Manager
- **COLLINS GARDEN** (Nov. 2016): **John Longoria**, Pres.; **Fred Garza**, V.P.; **Steven Guzman**, Secretary; **Patricia Cervantes**, Treasurer; **Jeanette Davies**, Branch Manager
- **ENCINO** (Jan. 2017): **Carla Pomager**, Pres.; **Liana Benavides**, V.P.; **Bruce Gill**, Secretary; **Edie Cooksey**, Treasurer; **Keri Moczygemba**, Branch Manager
- **FOREST HILLS** (March 2017): **Ruben Sanchez**, Pres.; **Eileen Aulick**, V.P.; **Patricia H. Sanchez**, Secretary; **Diane Duesterhoeft**, Treasurer; **Mary Naylor**, Branch Manager
- **MEMORIAL** (Feb 2017): **Angela Ehrenfried**, Pres.; **Anna Cleve**, V.P.; **Diane Duesterhoeft**, Sec./Treasurer; **Maria Gonzales**, Branch Manager

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## Library Improvements Included in the 2017–2022 Bond Election

Based on the recommendations of 160 people who served on committees that studied the future needs of San Antonio, the Mayor and City Council selected ballot-measures for an \$850 million General Obligation Bond Program. On May 6, 2017, voters will decide on six separate Propositions to fund improvements to streets, bridges, drainage, flood control, parks, public safety facilities, etc. “Proposition 4” includes 13 projects that would rehabilitate and improve libraries and community centers. Library projects include:

- Central Library (first floor re-envisioning and Children’s area transformation)—\$3 million
- Texana & Genealogy Resource Center Project—\$700,000, plus leveraged private funds raised by the San Antonio Public Library Foundation
- McCreless Branch Library renovation—\$2.5 million
- Memorial Branch Library renovation—\$3.3 million
- Las Palmas Branch Library renovation—\$1.7 million
- Forest Hills Branch Library renovation—\$900,000

For more information about the 2017 Bond Program, go to [www.sanantonio.gov/2017Bond](http://www.sanantonio.gov/2017Bond).

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## Library Holiday Closures

04/16/2017	Easter Closed
04/28/2017	Fiesta San Jacinto Closed
05/29/2017	Memorial Day Closed



The San Antonio Book Festival unites readers and writers through books, libraries, and literary culture. This is the 5th anniversary of the San Antonio Book Festival. Taking place on Saturday, April 8, from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. at Central Library and the Southwest School of Art, this free and family-friendly festival will feature over 100 local, regional, and national authors.

Children’s authors, activities, and book sales and signing will take place in the Southwest School of Art McNutt Garden and Copper Kitchen where the Magik Theatre will also perform.

Young Adult writers will be in the Coates Chapel at the Southwest School of Art, and “Geektown” along Augusta and Giraud Streets will host activities and book sales and signing, the Fiction Contest award ceremony, a poetry slam, and more.

Book sales and signing for adult and cookbook authors will be along Augusta Street.

A variety of exhibitors will be in the Festival Marketplace in the parking lot of the Southwest School of Art, along with food truck vendors.

There will also be a free writing workshop for teens, facilitated by the Barrio Writers, in the Teen Library at Central.

These are just a few highlights from what is sure to be an amazing and inspiring event. More information is available at the Book Festival’s website: [saplf.org/festival](http://saplf.org/festival).

## Donations & Memorials

Sheila Figueroa

### Donations

Karen Baker	Daniel B. Markson
Dr. George Beddingfield	Oswin P. McCarty
Barbara Boyd	Blanca Paredes
M.K. Brooks	Sarah Payne
Betty Child	Maria Pfeiffer
James Drury	Elizabeth Sellers
Nancy Gandara	Melissa Shepherd
Elizabeth Graham	Douglas Smith
Patricia Jordt	Susan & Pat Smutz
Los Bexarenos Genealogical Society	Jill Zimmerman

### In Honor of:

### By

Friends of the Carver Branch Library	Karen Matson
Andrea Mason	Nancy Gandara
Paula Massengale	Jill Zimmerman
Karen Matson	Morgan Matson

### In Memory of

### By

Judy Babbitt	Nancy Gandara
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## CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

*Because dates and times change occasionally, please call to verify information.*

Mar. 1	Friends of the Guerra Branch meeting (consider revised bylaws), 2 p.m.
Mar. 7	Friends of Tobin Library at Oakwell meeting (election & consider revised bylaws), 1:30
<b>Mar. 11–19</b>	<b>BookCellar “Spring Break” sale for families: special sale on YA &amp; juvenile fiction</b>
Mar. 18	Friends of Brook Hollow Branch meeting (meeting/planning for 20 <sup>th</sup> Birthday), 1 p.m.
<b>Mar. 19</b>	<b>FOSAPL Board meeting, Cortez Branch, 2 p.m.</b>
Mar. 25	Recruitment for Friends at the Grand Opening of Schaefer Branch, 2–6
Mar. 31–Apr 1	Texana/Genealogy Friends book sale, Central Library Gallery. Setup Fri, 1–4; Sale Sat., beginning at 10 a.m.
Apr. 4	Memorial Amigos group (social and meeting), 6:30
Apr. 6	Memorial Branch Amigos’ Civic Academy: “The 2017 CoSA Bond: What Does It Mean for You and Our Libraries?” 2–6
Apr. 8	BookCellar extended hours for SA Book Festival, 10–4

Brook Hollow Library 530 Heimer Road, 78232 210-207-9030
Central Library 600 Soledad Street, 78205 210-207-2500
Cortez Library 2803 Hunter Boulevard, 78224 210-207-9130
Guerra Library 7978 Military Drive West, 78227 210-207-9070
Memorial Library 3222 Culebra, 78228 210-207-9140
Schaefer Library 6322 US Hwy 87 E, 78222 Phone TBD
Tobin Library at Oakwell 4134 Harry Wurzbach Rd, 78209 210-207-9040

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## Brook Hollow Held a Sweetheart Dance Feb. 10





## From the Library Director



Greetings Friends,

I am pleased to inform you that this month we will be celebrating the grand opening of the Schaefer Branch Library in District 2! I hope you will join us on Saturday, March 25, from 2–6 p.m., for a family-

friendly celebration at our newest library branch.

March will be a busy month at the Library. On Tuesday, March 21, we will host our annual Texas Women of Influence panel discussion at Central Library. Texas Women of Influence features local San Antonio female leaders and serves as the signature event for Women's History Month at the San Antonio Public Library. This year's theme is "Honoring Trailblazing Women in Labor and Business." Our panelists will field questions about their careers and what challenges they have faced as professional women. **Iris Dimmick**, Managing Editor at the Rivard Report, will serve as the moderator of the panel.

Also happening in March is our annual Teen Tech Week observance. Teens 13–18 are invited to "Be the Source of Change" this year during Teen Tech Week March 5–11. During this national celebration of technology, teens are invited to get their hands on tech at their local San Antonio Public Library location. Activities will include coding, experimenting with 3D printers, exploring virtual reality with Oculus Rift, and more.

On February 9, the Central Library hosted the official author announcement for the 2017 San Antonio Book Festival. The Festival is April 8 from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. at Central Library and the Southwest School of Art and, as always, is free and open to the public. A record 101 authors will participate this year.

Speaking of the Book Festival, bestselling author and San Antonio local **Jan Jarboe Russell** will be in attendance to discuss her book *The Train to Crystal City*, the spring 2017 Mayor's Book Club pick. Russell will be joined by Mayor **Ivy R. Taylor** to discuss the themes of the book. Keep an eye out for a schedule of events at [www.sapl.org/festival](http://www.sapl.org/festival).

As always, thank you for your continued support of the mission of your Library system.

*Sincerely,*  
**Ramiro Salazar**

## Women's History Month and Texas Women of Influence



The San Antonio Public Library invites the community to join in celebrating Women's History Month during the month of March. This is a time to honor the contributions of the women who have shaped contemporary society. This year's national theme is "Honoring Trailblazing Women in Labor and Business." The Library will celebrate Women's History Month through hosting a variety of events throughout the month at various branch locations.

The signature event for Women's History Month is our annual Texas Women of Influence panel discussion with local San Antonio female leaders on Tuesday, March 21, at 6:30 p.m. at Central Library. Our panelists will field questions about their careers, and what challenges they have faced as professional women.

Another exciting event celebrating Women's History Month is Women in the Food Industry: Past, Present & Trending—A Panel Discussion at Landa Branch Library on Monday, March 27, at 6 p.m. Four San Antonio food authorities will lead a panel discussion on the changing role of women in the food industry. We hope you will join us for what promises to be a stimulating discussion.

Visit the events calendar at [mysapl.org](http://mysapl.org) for a complete list of Women's History Month events at the Library.



## Schaefer Library Grand Opening

The San Antonio Public Library invites you to the grand opening of the newest San Antonio Public Library branch on Saturday, March 25, from 2–6 p.m. The Schaefer Branch Library is located at

6322 US Hwy 87 East and will provide community responsive services, a robust collection of books and materials and integrated technology to the Eastside community.

The new 11,600 square foot library includes all of the traditional and modern resources San Antonio residents have come to expect. Print and electronic books will be available, along with a public computing lab, free WiFi and laptops available for check out. Professional librarians will provide reference and research assistance, and programming for children, teens and adults will be available.

The Schaefer Branch Library will be welcoming with communal learning spaces, individual study spaces and lounge areas. The building will house a large community meeting room for civic activities. The branch will also include a children's playground, thanks to the Rotary Club of San Antonio/Kingdom for Kids XVI.

San Antonio Artist **Cakky Brawley** has designed a suspended illuminated sculpture to be placed within the branch interior. The artwork depicts a globe and two maps that reference the past, present and future of the Library site.

This new Library will contribute to the quality of life of the area, and offer access to an array of Library services and programs. It will serve as a destination point for the community and will provide opportunities for civic engagement. Libraries provide a place where students learn, citizens engage, and communities gather. The goal is to provide citizens access to resources that encourage lifelong learning and to open new doors for our community and its citizens.

Visit [mysapl.org/Visit/Locations/Schaefer-Library](http://mysapl.org/Visit/Locations/Schaefer-Library) for more information.



## Technology Volunteers Need- ed in Branch Li- braries



Technology volunteers (aged 14 and older) take a hands-on role in connecting their neighbors to the benefits of technology. Guide patrons through the basics of logging on, printing, uploading and more. Make an impact in assisting patrons to reach their digital goals. Orientation and training by SAPL staff is available on a monthly basis. Volunteer openings are available at most library locations. Qualifications include:

- basic computer skills
- knowledge of the San Antonio Public Library's patron experience
- ability to communicate patiently and effectively
- ability to respect and relate to people from various backgrounds
- ability to work patiently with clients of varying learning styles and respond to questions and concerns
- ability pass a background check.

Call 210-207-2631 to volunteer today!

## BookCellar News

Evelyn Bonavita

**The BookCellar  
Central Library Basement  
Open 11–3 every day  
plus 3–7 Thursdays  
(210) 227-9519**

Before you visit the BookCellar, check with the library on the condition of the road construction in the area. Access and parking may be affected, especially during the Book Festival, Saturday, April 8.

### March Sales and Specials

During March we will have a Cabinet Vintage Sale. All items in the cabinet will be 33-1/3% off or 1/3 off the listed price.

Also, all regularly priced hardback fiction (both inside and on the patio) will be 50¢ each or 3 books for \$1. The sale includes regular fiction, large print, mysteries, westerns and science fiction. It excludes hardbound classics.

From Saturday, March 11, through Sunday, March 19, we will hold a Spring Break Sale for families:

- Regularly priced young adult and juvenile fiction will be 50% off or 25¢ each.
- Regularly priced young adult paperbacks will be 10¢ each.
- Regularly priced juvenile 800s (poetry/drama) and 900s (history/geography) will be 25¢ each.

There will also be an expanded selection of 10¢ books. Customers may choose from the cart inside or boxes on the patio.

### April Sales and Specials

We will have expanded hours on Saturday, April 8, because of the San Antonio Book Festival. Check us out for publications by attending writers! Hours will be 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Regularly priced adult 300s, 600s, 700s, and 800s will be 50¢ each or 3 books for a \$1.00. You may mix and match numbers. Regularly priced adult science fiction/fantasy paperbacks will be 50% off throughout the month.

We would like to remind everyone that the BookCellar is always looking for additional volunteers. Our foot traffic and sales



are increasing, and we can always use extra help. As a volunteer, your work and the people you meet reach far beyond the basement of the Central Library. Here are a couple of stories we were inspired by this past year.

**Melissa Eiring** served as the Laboratory Director for the Center for Archeological Research at UTSA. She also founded Texas Gravestone Studies, a nonprofit dedicated to education and the preservation of historical markers in Texas and surrounding states. Melissa was a cat lover, a cross stitcher and a passionate reader who died suddenly at age 34 on October 24, 2016. We met Melissa's mom, dad, and sister when they came to the Cellar to donate Melissa's pristine and eclectic book collection. In their grief, they wanted Melissa's spirit to live through the readers who would enjoy her books, and they were comforted by the knowledge that the money raised would be invested in the library system and benefit families in Melissa's adopted community.

**Steve Holcombe** and his wife, residents of Seguin, enjoy scuba diving and travel to various clear water destinations. After spending time in Honduras and the outer Bay Island, Steve and some fellow scuba divers found an overwhelming need for literacy support in the region. They took on the task of seeking out and mailing books to small schools, community centers, and families in Honduras. They found outlets throughout Central Texas, which made their task manageable. After a December purchase at the BookCellar, Steve thanked us for contributing to "his cause" by helping the group exceed their "50,000 book" milestone.

*Evelyn Bonavita, with thanks to  
Andrea Mason*



[www.facebook.com/BookCellarSA](http://www.facebook.com/BookCellarSA)

**Friends of the San Antonio Public Library**  
**Account Balances**  
**Treasurer's Report of December 31, 2016**

<b>Bank Accounts</b>	
Compass Money Market *****8659	200,086.92
Compass Money Market Gold *****4644	43,508.71
Compass Checking *****8736	<u>9,858.03</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>253,453.66</b>
Branch Designated Funds (-)	(125,699.90)
Checks outstanding (-)	<u>(2,223.29)</u>
<b>Net Assets for FOSAPL Use</b>	<b>125,530.47</b>
<b>Branch and Support Group Funds Balance of December 31, 2016</b>	
Bazan	1,557.11
Brook Hollow	9,034.03
Carver	4,582.00
Central	724.30
Cody	15,105.32
Collins Garden	3,641.54
Cortez	792.46
Encino	1,210.67
Forest Hills	228.31
Great Northwest	347.41
Guerra	4,831.81
Igo	10,067.51
Johnston	1,950.79
Landa	5,913.73
Las Palmas	1,161.33
Maverick	8,793.05
McCreless	1,932.16
Memorial	2,464.26
Mission	12,763.66
Pan American	816.90
Parman	7,119.86
San Pedro	474.33
Semmes	6,274.70
Texana/genealogy	9,615.08
Thousand Oaks	3,453.90
Tobin at Oakwell	8,947.41
Westfall	<u>1,896.27</u>
<b>Total group funds</b>	<b><u>125,699.90</u></b>

You can view this report on the FOSAPL website at  
<http://www.awacomunications.com/FOSAPL/treasurers-rept/Treasurer-report-December31-2016-p1.pdf>



**Friends of the San Antonio Public Library  
Income and Expense Report  
December 31, 2016**

<b>FOSAPL INCOME</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>FOSAPL YTD</b>	<b>FOSAPL NOV-DEC</b>
BookCellar sales	81,500.00	81,087.78	12,823.61
BookCellar sales tax withheld		(6,133.58)	(969.51)
Donations and memorials	1,200.00	7,039.60	5,681.10
Interest	400.00	408.85	69.67
Membership	7,400.00	8,980.00	4,625.00
<b>FOSAPL INCOME</b>	<b>90,500.00</b>	<b>91,382.65</b>	<b>22,229.87</b>
<b>BUDGET EXPENSES</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>NOV-DEC</b>
Accounting	1,200.00	1,150.00	1,150.00
Arts and Letters program	700.00	713.93	57.48
Bank charges	50.00	-	-
FOSAPL Board expenses (refreshments/6 mtgs)	300.00	193.95	37.82
FOSAPL Insurance	1,000.00	879.28	
Development Day	300.00	413.73	
Membership recruitment	1,000.00	1,067.46	167.46
Newsletter prep/editing & printing	3,650.00	3,752.58	907.60
Office supplies	400.00	317.08	92.84
Postage (bulk mail, post office box, postage)	1,300.00	1,207.50	142.68
President's expenses	200.00	23.96	
San Antonio Book Festival	300.00	-	-
Seed money for new groups	200.00	-	-
Website maintenance (reg., monthly fee, wm)	1,200.00	720.00	120.00
<b>FOSAPL Budget Expense Total</b>	<b>11,800.00</b>	<b>10,439.47</b>	<b>2,675.88</b>
<b>BookCellar Expenses</b>			
Advertising	300.00	100.00	
Book sale(s) expenses	1,000.00	1,063.31	165.96
Commodities for resale	2,400.00	2,952.81	244.08
Equipment and maintenance	1,000.00	424.91	50.00
BookCellar insurance	1,100.00	1,059.50	
Printing and copying	350.00	72.91	29.97
25th Anniversary Celebration		377.57	
Salary and benefits	16,200.00	11,555.45	2,275.32
Volunteer appreciation	1,250.00	764.10	522.91
<b>Book Cellar Budget Expense Total</b>	<b>23,600.00</b>	<b>18,370.56</b>	<b>3,288.24</b>
<b>Library Support</b>			
Public programming & staff development	55,000.00	55,000.00	90.00
Donations from FOSAPL members	no budget amt	60.00	10.00
Memorial gifts for FOSAPL Life members	no budget amt	900.00	300.00
<b>TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES</b>	<b>90,400.00</b>	<b>84,770.03</b>	<b>6,364.12</b>
<b>FOSAPL BRANCH &amp; SUPPORT GROUPS INCOME</b>		<b>YTD</b>	<b>NOV-DEC</b>
Donations		12,365.92	2,201.35
Income from book sales, Book Nook/Cart sales, fundraisers		82,909.07	11,861.42
Memberships		3,215.00	1,845.00
<b>BRANCH &amp; SUPPORT GROUPS INCOME</b>		<b>98,489.99</b>	<b>15,907.77</b>
Branch Friends group operating expenses		1,397.66	88.87
Branch group purchases for Library Branch/department		88,695.08	12,566.83

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## CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS (Cont'd from p 6.)

Apr. 8	20 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration of Friends of Brook Hollow Branch, 1–3	Brook Hollow Library 530 Heimer Road, 78232 210-207-9030
Apr. 8	Friends of San Pedro Branch book sale10–4	Guerra Library 7978 Military Drive West, 78227 210-207-9070
Apr. 17	Friends of Landa Branch (election of new officers), 6 p.m.	Landa Library 233 Bushnell, 78212 210-207-9090
Apr. 21–22	“Oyster Bake” parking at Memorial Branch, to benefit Memorial Amigos, after 6	McCreless Library 1023 Ada Street, 78223 210-207-9170
Apr. 22	Friends of Westfall Branch meeting (election of officers, approve revised bylaws)	Memorial Library 3222 Culebra, 78228 210-207-9140
Apr. 22	Fiesta de los Niños at Port San Antonio	San Pedro Library 1315 San Pedro, 78212 210-207-9050
May 26–28	Guerra Library book sale, Friday, 10–4; Saturday, 10–4; Sunday, 10–3, and every day will be a BAG SALE day.	Semmes Library 15060 Judson Rd., 78247 210-207-9110
Jun. 3	Semmes book sale, beginning at 10. Preview sale Friday, June 2, 10–11:30.	Westfall Library 6111 Rosedale Court, 78201 210-207-9220
Jun. 17	McCreless book sale	

Note: Each branch Friends group has a designated representative to the Board. However, these Board meetings are open to the general membership. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.